

## House Resolution No. 825

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are continually impressed with the longevity experienced by those citizens who attain the status of centenarian and pause to recognize this tremendous milestone in the life of a resident of Friendship Village in St. Louis, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Mary Palma Catanzaro will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration at Friendship Village; and

**Whereas**, on April 5, 1903, in St. Louis, God brought the first of six special gifts to Antonio and Dorothea Catanzaro with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Mary, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Mary Catanzaro will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as being a member of the first class to attend the new Franklin Grade School, furthering her education at Central High School, and helping raise her brothers and sisters; and

**Whereas**, Mary Catanzaro enjoyed recognition by being the first girl in her family to learn to drive a car and assisting her father at his fruit stand at the Old Produce Row, where she was a member of La Com Ro (Ladies of Commission Row); and

**Whereas**, Mary Catanzaro further distinguished herself by working at Garlands in Hampton Village, from which she retired at the respectful age of 65; and

**Whereas**, Mary Catanzaro is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Mary Catanzaro at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Mary Palma Catanzaro, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Fred Kratky  
District No. 65

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 825, adopted March 12, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker